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ON THE COVER

The AIA Las Vegas Chapter is fortunate to have a membership of talented architects, associates and allied members. These are members whose personal commitment to elevating the profession and to improving their communities make them fine examples of what architecture is all about. This year, we take the opportunity to recognize one exceptional member each month. In this way we hope to acknowledge the contributions they are making to Chapter and the profession and to inform and inspire others through their example.

IAMAIA LV SPOTLIGHT

WILFRED LEWIS, AIA

I AM A MEMBER OF AIA BECAUSE... I am a member of the AIA because of the solidarity and commitment it fosters among the members and it creates a strong national design community. Over the years the AIA has provided me with the support and mentoring that has shaped me into the architect I am today.

I am a native of Southwest Louisiana, receiving my Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Louisiana in 1988. I have been blessed with the opportunity and experience of practicing a wide range of architecture, both commercial and residential. After owning and operating a small design firm in Louisiana, I was retained by a large architectural/engineering firm in Fort Worth, Texas – Carter::Burgess. I then accepted to be transferred to the Las Vegas office in 2004, where I served as Project Manager on several large scale hospitality and commercial projects.

In 2006, I was retained by the Cuningham Group where I served as Project Manager on several health care projects. Today I am the Director of Planning and Design for Facilities Management for the College of Southern Nevada. I lead a group of design professionals in providing design services for the College.

1. What is the most important thing you've learned? Humility. As a licensed architect with more than 27 years of experience I have learned to stay humble and accept knowledge no matter where it comes from. Humility has helped me to become a better listener, which in turn has helped me greatly to meet and exceed the needs and expectations of my clients.

2. What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why? First I love all architecture; however my favorite piece of architecture is glass. I am always moved by the way this material has been used throughout history by architects. Glass allow us as architects to have endless expressions to move those who experience the buildings we design.

3. Where will you be in 20 years? I plan to be retired from secular work and practicing architecture in a small studio space at my home. My goal will be to give back to the community that gave to me. As technology advances I would like to use my talents and experience in developing lands – using indigenous materials to that area and further my understandings of various cultures around the world.

4. What person, living or dead, would you most like to have dinner with? Jesus Christ; I would like to ask him of the basic questions that has puzzled mankind from the beginning:

- Why are we here?
- Why do we suffer?
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THE REST OF THE YEAR.....

Here we are, half-way through the year. The first six months have sped by faster than a freight train! Now is a good time to pause, take a breath, and make a quick review of what we've accomplished so far - as well as a quick look at our challenges for the rest of the year.

- Under our guiding theme of "Expanding Architectural Awareness", we've accomplished quite a lot. We opened the year with our exceptional exhibit "Reflecting & Projecting" at the Barrick Museum on the UNLV Campus. The exhibit was a great success, garnering rave reviews in local press and generating over 500 visitors to the museum.
- The 120 days of this year's Legislative Session kept us very busy as we monitored a number of bills and issues that influenced practice, design and delivery methods. Our key objective this year was to eliminate the "duty to defend" clause from public works contracts...and we were successful in accomplishing this, when the Governor signed the legislation on May 25th!
- Our community outreach programs have been expansive and highly successful. The "Bald by Design" team raised over \$100,000.00 for childhood cancer research.
- Our High School Design Awards program brought new ideas to the Huntridge Theatre Foundation, and allowed over 120 students from six Clark County High Schools to participate and learn more about careers in architecture and design.
- Our efforts here have also allowed us to participate with Dress for Success of Southern Nevada, Nevada Preservation Foundation, CEP Green Building, Art & Design Collaborative, USGBC, ULI, ASLA and Art Pop.
- Our COTE, EPYAF and Urban Sketchers committees have provided exceptional programs for the various segments of our membership. COTE is currently working with ASLA and Green Our Planet to design outdoor classrooms for the garden areas in Clark County elementary schools. EPYAF allows interns, associates and young architects to learn from our senior members through "Memoire Monday" meetings and Project Tours. The Urban Sketchers group led by Eric Roberts, AIA has captured some of the city's most memorable locations and produced a great little exhibit of their work.
- We engaged the medical and healthcare communities and local governments when we brought Dr. Richard Jackson to Las Vegas in April for an exciting and informative discussion about "Designing Healthy Communities". His interview on KNPR Radio on April 13th, provided great exposure for the AIA and included architect Ed Vance, FAIA who helped to inform the public about the importance of design in the health of our communities.
- A good indicator of a recovering economy is our AIA Job Board, which has been active this year with postings from firms that are hiring again.
- Our Fellows committee was successful in assisting John R. Klai, II, FAIA to receive his Fellowship, welcoming him into that rare group in Nevada.
- Through AIA's Scholarship Endowment we have awarded \$6,000 in scholarships this year to UNLV architecture students.

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• So far this year we have provided 17 Continuing Education credit hours, 15 of which qualify for HSW credits. The AIA/NSBAIDRD C.E. Seminar in May provided 8 C.E. / HSW Credits and a great day of learning for all who attended. Member meetings have not only provided C.E. credits but also fun and information on everything from Transportation, the Frank Gehry Movie, tour of the Neon Museum and the MGM Arena.

• Our 42nd Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament was a great success, with a sold-out 160 players generating \$35,000 to benefit and support the Chapter.

Not bad for the first six months! The next six months promise to bring even more benefits for AIA members:

• The Call for Entries and Call for Nominations for the AIA Nevada Design and Service Awards will go out on August 1st.

• September will provide our look at the "Legal Side of Design" with a mock trial in the Regional Justice Center.

• The Learn About / Turn About Product Show is always a fun event in October.

• November will let us explore the "Changing Face of Architecture."

• And, in December we will all celebrate the Holiday Celebration and the Design & Service Awards Gala.

So... now that summer is here. I hope you can take some time to relax, enjoy a little down-time and re-energize for the rest of the year!

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We would like to increase that number of Fellows by at least one each year. And, that one could be YOU. If you are interested then please contact the AIA Nevada Fellows Committee, Ed Vance, FAIA, Chair or Randy Lavigne, Executive Director rlavigne@aianeveda.org.

The Chapter Library now has a copy of each of the Fellows submittal books, and these are available for your review in the AIA office. Or, if you would like to review them online, and perhaps purchase one or more, they are available at.... http://www.blurb.com/search/site_search?search=edward+vance&filter=bookstore&commit=Search



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If you have information you'd like to share or if you'd like to comment on an article, or provide new information or a point of view, please let us know via email to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA – Executive Director, AIA Nevada/AIA Las Vegas – rlavigne@aianeveda.org



NEVADA DESIGN AWARDS

LISTEN UP! THE CALL FOR ENTRIES and CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN & DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS WILL GO OUT ON AUGUST 1ST, 2015

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September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2018. The president-elect automatically advances next year to the position of president, then remains on the board for a third year as immediate past president.



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SC2 COMPETITION

Congratulations to SC2 teams who are the award recipients for this special competition. The teams headed by SHarchitecture, Gensler and Eric Strain were the three recipients of the awards. AIA Las Vegas is hoping to provide an opportunity to hear from each team about the planning and details of their projects in the very near future.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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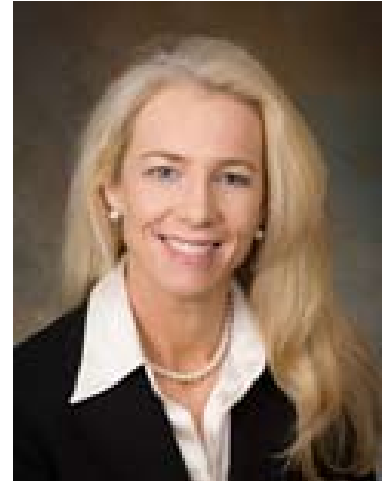
SEPTEMBER MEMBER MEETING "THE LEGAL SIDE OF DESIGN" MOCK TRIAL

You are hereby summoned to appear in court on Thursday, September 17, 5:30PM....Courtroom 15C, 15th Floor of the Regional Justice Center, to learn more about "The Legal Side of Design". What happens when you have to defend yourself in a court of law? Would you know what to do? This mock trial session will give you a first-hand look at what can happen when you are the plaintiff or the defendant in litigation.

Judge Elissa F. Casdish will preside and **Attorney Christine Drage** (Weil & Drage) will lead us through an authentic "mock" trial demonstrating the actual legal issues and actions of a court trial. The dangers and pitfalls of not having competent legal guidance will be exposed. You may even be asked to be a witness or a member of the jury.

Prepare for your day in court by attending the reception in the lobby area outside the courtroom on the 15th floor at 5:30PM on Thursday, September 17.

When the trial begins at 6:30PM, you could be sitting in the jury box, or in the gallery, or even at the attorney's table.



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Jon Sparer, AIA has been nominated and is unopposed for the position of 2016 President-elect/2017 President.

John Sawdon, AIA has also been nominated and is unopposed to continue his service as Treasurer for the Chapter (2016-2017).

There are two director positions that are open for election and four candidates for these positions. The two elected board members will serve from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.



VOTE: You will be receive your ballot during the 1st week of July via email. Please cast your ballot by responding to the email. You will need to cast your vote prior to **August 15th, 2015**
The Candidates for the 2 Director Positions are:



Cesar Ceballos, AIA

Vision for AIA Las Vegas - My vision is to build up a strong AIA Las Vegas coping with changes in professional practice, and broadening services to the community. Together, we can foster collaboration with allied professions. We see engineers, landscape architects, building contractors, suppliers of construction materials and educators in these fields usually cooperating with architects. As a project manager in Clark County's Real Property Management, and having a Master's in Architecture, I apply experiences gained after having served in the AIA's National Council on Diversity and Inclusion and in the AIA Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference.

Dwayne Eshenbaugh, AIA

A 30 year resident of Las Vegas, Dwayne is the founding Principal of NOVUS Architecture and serves as the firm's PIC and Design Principal. NOVUS Architecture is a full-service firm offering architecture, interiors, planning, & sustainability services. Dwayne's diverse twenty plus years of architectural experience include: public, recreational, educational, medical, office, retail and hospitality facilities with several of his projects being recognized locally and nationally and are recipients of distinguished design awards. Dwayne's leadership ability, honest character, and passion for design excellence are driving forces behind his desire to serve on the AIA Las Vegas Executive Board.



Justin Lam, AIA

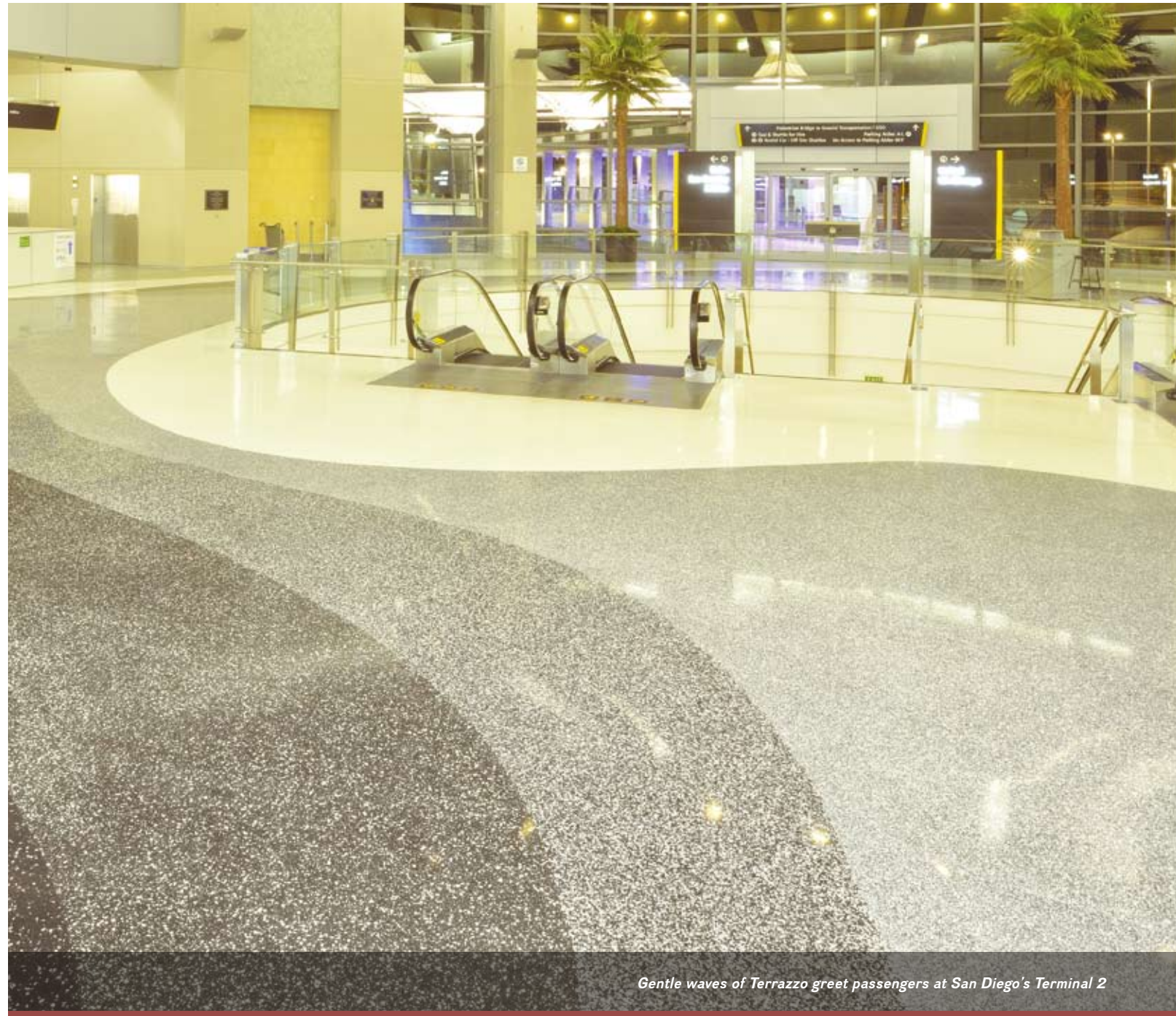
Justin Lam is an Architect and Project Manager at Gensler. I would like to start by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve on the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors. I was born and raised in Las Vegas and have seen this city grow and change beyond any of our wildest beliefs. I am interested in becoming an AIA Las Vegas Board Member because I believe as an organization we need to do more to help shape and guide the future of the city. With the exciting revitalization of Las Vegas that is currently underway, I believe that AIA is a great place to create awareness for the issues that surround an ever growing city. One of my main goals would be to help increase our community outreach and presence in the community.

Mike Larsen, AIA

My aim in serving on the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors is to bring my affection for our community and my strategic thought process to the benefit of our profession with a goal of strengthening our place within our community and economy while offering a vibrant perspective to the Board. My specific interests lie in two fields: High school and college level mentorship programs which will cultivate a continuing source of talent within our community; as well as governmental lobbying efforts to protect our profession's roles, responsibilities, and exposure to litigation.



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42ND ANNUAL AIA LAS VEGAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 42nd Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament held at TPC Summerlin on June 1st was a great success and fun for everyone! We could not have asked for a nicer day.
A very heartfelt Thank you to all our participants, be they players, sponsors or volunteers!



First Place Low Gross (no Handicap)
goes to Jeremy Anderson, Cash Wilson, Assoc, AIA,
Corey Morley and Brigham Gibbs of the
Gary Guy Wilson Architects team with a score of 54



First Place Low Net (with Handicap)
goes to Mike McDougal, Ray Juarez, Josh Towers
and Jay Nutting and of the
Tippetts CE team with a score of 54



Second Place Low Gross (no Handicap)
goes to Brad Schulz, FAIA, Paul Spannhake and
Scott Kime, AIA of the Bergman, Walls & Assoc., Ltd. /
Martin Harris Construction team with a score of 61



Second Place Low Net (with Handicap)
goes to John Sawdon, AIA, Todd Imbolden,
Eric Roberts, AIA and Jason Goudie of the
SH Architecture team with a score of 58



Longest Drive honors went to
Jeff Wood on hole #16 playing on the
McCarthy Building Co. Team and,
on hole #9, Marco Gonzalez playing
on the Centiva Team.

Having a very good day indeed,
Todd Imbolden, playing on the
SH Architecture team,
won the iPad grand prize!



Closest to the Pin honors
went to Alex Holden on hole #5
playing on the Assurance Ltd. Team
and, on hole #14, Zoli Hollo playing
on the Helix Electric Team



ART POP COMES TO LAS VEGAS!

Are you an artist, sculptor, photographer, painter, sketcher....whichever medium you use, you'll want to know about ART POP. AIA Las Vegas is partnering with the American Institute of Graphic Artists (AIGA), the City of Las Vegas Cultural Affairs Office and Clear Channel Outdoor to showcase the work of local artists (and architects) on outdoor billboards and media across the valley.

This exciting program has been established successfully in other cities (Charlotte, Allentown, Peoria, and Tampa) to encourage local artists and to inform the public about the work of talented artists in their own community. Now Art Pop has come to Las Vegas. All artists and architects are invited to submit their work for consideration, but only a limited number will be selected. Artists will be provided with guidelines and instructions and so watch this newsletter and your email for the call for entries which will go out later this summer.



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COTE CLOSET
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Garden Classroom Partnership

In April, when Dr. Richard Jackson spoke to the AIA membership about the importance of creating community and role that all design professionals play in creating healthy environments, the COTE Committee took that message to heart. We had a very important non-profit conserva-

tion organization at that meeting, Green Our Planet. Green Our Planet has a mission to help conserve, protect, and improve the environment through education, nutrition and conservation education in K-12 schools. They have helped put learning gardens in over 60 Clark County schools and plan to be in over 100 by the end of this year. Where does AIA come in? The gardens are a great start at many of these schools, but they are also implementing STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) education about the gardens and need a place to teach that curriculum near the plants. With that in mind, AIA members are volunteering our time to form a Garden Classroom Partnership with Green Our Planet. We need the membership's help to help get garden classrooms in schools across Clark County.

Your Commitment:

- 1 hour pre-meeting with the assigned school to meet the teachers, Green our Planet and some of the kids in each school's Garden Club.
- Follow up with a very basic aerial photograph, and 11x17 site plan of the designated garden classroom area.
- 2 hour design charrette with the kids to talk to them about what it means to be an Architect/Engineer/Landscape Architect/General Contractor or whatever your specialty is; show them how to read a plan and then help them articulate their ideas on the 11x17 site plan of the garden classroom area.
- Collect all the ideas and provide a basic schematic master plan for the school incorporating the mostly realistic ideas.

We had a lot of fun with the kids in the first design charrette – they come up with great ideas and are really receptive to thinking outside the box. We need your participation to make this a successful program! We are working with Green Our Planet to identify a schedule so we can give everyone lots of notice to get involved. There will also be opportunities to help the schools build their garden classrooms, but this is not required to volunteer. Please contact Randy Lavigne or Jennifer Turchin (jennifer@codagroupinc.com) to find out more or get on a volunteer list and we will have a schedule of opportunities soon!



Urban Sketchers

The Urban Sketchers next meeting will be on **Saturday, July 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Meet at the Spring Mountain Visitor

Gateway on Kyle Canyon Road at Mt. Charleston.

Directions: From Las Vegas, head North on US-95, turn left at NV-157 (Kyle Canyon Road) crossing over Southbound US-95. Take NV-157 up Mount Charleston approximately 17 miles. When you come to a roundabout, go half-way around to enter the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway center.

Total distance from downtown Las Vegas is about 35 miles.

You should bring your own sketch supplies, some water and your water colors (if you want to use them). Don't forget some water (to drink) and something to sit on (you'll be glad you did)! Don't forget your sunscreen!

See you July 11th!!



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Organization is essential and the list of tips below should get you started:

- 1. Start your week by listing your goals for the week.** For me, this usually includes project deadlines and any important meetings/presentations that require additional prep beyond an agenda. Take the two minutes to physically write them out and leave the list on your desk where you can see it.
- 2. Prioritize your list** and block out time for each task necessary in order to complete your goals for the week. This includes time for email. We may be master multi-taskers, but reading and responding to every email that comes in as soon as it hits your inbox is not the most efficient way to work. Plus it is exhausting switching back and forth between so many projects every day. This is a tough one to follow - I have yet to break the habit!
- 3. Organize your desk.** Get rid of the clutter. If you haven't touched the stacks of papers and drawings in 6 months then get rid of it. Scan what you need to keep and toss it in the recycling bin, or at least file it away in a drawer out of sight. Don't forget to do the same for your virtual workspace.



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THE LANGUAGE OF REALITY

By Tagish, an AIA Member

Have you noticed that there no longer such things as houses? House builders are now home builders. There are no real estate listings for houses – only homes. Is an unsold house under construction a home? Whose home? Expensive ones are “residences”. There are home inspectors, home remodelers, home furnishings, and home fries. Only dogs live in “dog houses”. You’ll notice however that cats do not live in “cat houses”.

Architects too are being re-defined. Now it appears there will be a kind of professional technician who is not registered or licensed but is functionally complete to perform architectural services. Of course, there are many people in this category now but it is apparently demeaning to call them “interns” so a new name is being considered. Maybe we will have “Architecteers” and maybe “Architectettes”. As soon as it becomes politically incorrect to sexually distinguish persons such technicians could then be assigned a number under a single new category such as “Fully Qualified Person AX: Architectural Division”. A second class of professionals already exists and they are identified as “Residential Designers” (note that they are not “House Designers”). It only remains to conceal their sex so bigots can’t discriminate.

The lexicon of today is governed by political correctness and sales psychology. Who wants a jive house when they can buy a “home”? Who needs a jive licensed and registered Architect when they can get a “Fully Qualified Person” for maybe less cost? Does a dog care who designs his abode? Maybe some do.

Reality is now just words to create perceptions and it is known that perception is reality. Murderers are unfriendly neighbors seeking happiness. Thieves are financially deprived by social injustices. Wars don’t exist if we say so. The 1952 Korean War was called a “police action”. It is likely the dead did not appreciate the difference.

Any re-definition of Architects will be under the direction of lawyers so the perpetrators of architectural “crimes” will be suitably punished. The Code of Hammurabi written in the 18th century B.C. in Mesopotamia defined crimes and punishments. Among them was the crime of faulty building design and construction. He had a battery of lawyers preparing these from previous codes and generally the crime was matched with the punishment (an eye for an eye, etc.). Lawyers will be needed more than ever and they have to make a living too, right? Don’t “Fully Qualified Persons” make as many errors as Architects? The money rolls in and the fun never stops for lawyers.

It seems doubtful that the reality of architectural design processes would change much. It is the perception of reality that would change. Interns would no longer exist. They would just be removed from the idea that their objective is to become licensed and registered Architects and for many that is already a real fact. Who needs that trail of tears? It is a democratic ideal; a great leveler of status. Some would say that it is a better recognition of the real world.

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